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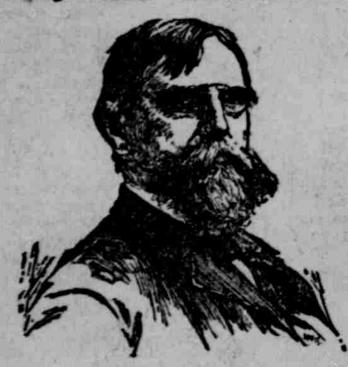
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AMUSEMENTS.

New Volces in "Hanset and Gretel." "Hansel and Gretel" was given last night with almost an entire new cast from that which sang the opera on Thursday night. Sir Augustus Harris's company carries to change the times a week. Miss Linck, who was to have taken the part of last night, was indisposed-that word covers a multitude of reasons-but Manager Tully announces that she will sing the witch to-night without fail. Miss Melsslinger gives excellent satisfaction in this role, but it is said Miss Linch is not at all feeble in the role. Her voice, commonly called contralto, is really mezzo-soprano, and hence is under a greater strain than when she sings Gertrude. Miss Branl sang Gertrude last night. The role will be taken to-day by Miss Damian. Miss Meisslinger sings the witch at the matinee to-day and Miss Linch takes the role to-night. Miss Jessie Huddleston took the part of Gretel last night. There was a new Peter last night, Mr. Franklin becoming the jolly proom-maker. Miss Delrita was the Sand-man and Miss Johnston the Dewman, both

The matinee at English's to-day and the erformance to-night will probably be the last opportunities of ever hearing "Hansel and Gretel," as it is doubtful if this remarkable operatic production again tours the country. There is much in it that appeals to the imagination of both old and and much beautiful music that charms lovers of melody. It is a peculiar combination of grand opera, fairy story and cautiful scenic and light effects. The matinee to-day will be given at popular prices. To-night's performance will begin promptly at 8 o'clock, to give the company time to catch a night train for St.

Digby Bell's Second Waterloo. Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Dec. 13 .- The Digby Bell Opera Company disbanded here today, with the hotels holding the baggage. The company came here last Saturday, accompanied by creditors from Southern cities, where Pell says they lost money steadily, and, after a lawsuit at Evansville, where the author of the operetta, "Nancy Lee," lives, and who wanted some royalty. The Terre Haute lodge of Elks arranged for a benefit performance last night, in the hope that enough money could be raised to help the company on to Davenport, where it is billed for Sunday night. Bell and his wife, Laura Joyce Bell, left for New York this evening, but most of the sixty people of the company are here broke. They had received no salary for several

"Spider and Fly" Attached. Special to the Indianapolis Journal. WABASH, Ind., Dec. 18 .- Manager S. B. Patterson, of the Logansport Opera House, followed Leavitt's "Spider and Fly" company, which appeared in this city last night, to collect a claim. The company has been playing in hard luck lately. At Logansport any could not pay or secure its board bill and Mr. Patterson became responsible for the bill. Patterson got out an atevening. Other claims were filed and the "Spider and Fly" manager was paid \$4.75 after all debts were liquidated. The hotel proprietor here followed the company to Fort Wayne to-day to collect his claim.

Notes of the Stage. Mr. Ivan Hjalmar Selmer, the young Danish musician and stage manager, who is here with Sir Augustus Harris's "Hansel and Gretel" Opera Company assisting Stage Manager George Gurney, has had a remarkable career for a man of his twenty-seven years. He has done some elever dramatic translations from his native tongue as well as from the French, and is conversationally familiar with most the continental languages. He has been connected with theaters in Germany staged several productions in Paris London. It is understood he is now under contract to stage "Wang" for Manvienns, next November, Jauner having purchased the continental rights for the American opera. Young Selmer will also likely go to Copenhagen next Christmas to stage an extravaganza written by Henri Caveling, the subject of the work being distinctly American.

James Huneker, the New York Advertiser's musical critic, is authority for the statement that Corbett was at a little supper the other night with Calve and Maurel in New York. Calve and Corbett! Ye gods of music and art!

E. S. Willard has had the same sort of failure in London with Jerome K. Jerome's "The Rise of Dick Halward" that E. H. Sothern encountered here when Woman."

Burr McIntosh, the Taffy in "Trilby," has published a facetiously written and illustrated little book, entitled 'Revised Football Rules." Olga Nethersole has been working too

hard. She fainted at Wednesday's matinee in New York and the audience had to be

"The Midnight Special" comes to the Park Monday for three days. It is a melodrama with numerous scenic features. "Killarney" closes with two performances to-day.

Nick Robert's "Humpty-Dumpty" will be seen in this city at the Empire next week. Meteors close with two performances

WATER TOWER WINS

A BONE OF SOME CONTENTION AT JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING.

By a Vote of 9 to 3 It Was Recommenaed-Amendments to the Reports.

At the Comercial Club yesterday afternoon the joint committee which has for two weeks been engaged in considering ways and means for a better system of fire protection in Indianapolis, met to make final disposition of the reports of the subcommittees made to the joint conference last Wednesday night. The Commercial Club, Board of Trade, Indianapolis insurance agencies and the city government were represented. The report of the subcommittee on the condition of the city's water supply was adopted with two amendments. The original report of the committee contained the supplemental report of Inspector Griswold on the water supply, which had been indorsed. The report of the committee touching Mr. Griswold's statements was amended to read: "The committee herewith transmits the report for the consideration of the water company and the city authorities." The other amendment to the report was as follows: "Pending an investigation we recommend that an earnest effort be made to induce the water company to furnish a water supply in the busines part of the city that will enable it to carry out its contract with the city and also that an effort be made to induce the company to abandon water charges for automatic spraying apparatus and to furnish the water needed for such apparatus." There was considerable discussion over the amendments to the report of the committee on water supply. The last amendment was proposed by Jacob P. Dunn. In the report of In-spector Griswold it was suggested that a larger line of pipe be laid in South street and along Alabama street to New York street and west to Mississippi street. The committee in discussing this question yes-terday thought that a better plan would be to secure if possible a system of pipes connecting with South street and travers-ing the entire business portion of the

The report of the committee on fire apparatus was adopted with slight change. The subcommittee which had this matter in charge had advised the purchase of certain apparatus. The report was amended to read: "But in our judgment the following improvements are absolutely neces-stary to place our city in the first class." Among the purchases recommended by the report was a water tower which is deemed absolutely necessary by the committee. There was some contention yesterday over this section of the report. W. H. Hobbs introduced to the committee Inintroduced to the committee Inspector Johnson, of the National Board of Underwriters, who was formerly chief fire engineer of the city of Philadelphia. Mr. Johnson discouraged the theory of a water tower. He did not think the scheme would be practicable in Indianapolis for the reason that it would require two extra engines to feed the apparatus. He did not think the department was in a posttion to spare these engines. One or two members of the committee shared the inspector's views and the question of recommending the purchase of a water tower was decided by a vote of the committee. The sentiment in favor of a water tower aphed by a vote of 9 to 3. The report of the subcommittee on buildings and fire walls was accepted without change. The "blacklisting" clause which was stricken out of the report on insurance companies Wednesday night was after some explanatory talk allowed to remain. This report will read: "We recommend an greement between the insurance companies to refuse to insure property whose owners refuse to comply with the re-quests of such inspectors." After disposing of the work of the sub-committees the joint committee adopted the following resolution: "We, the mem-bers of the joint committee representing the Board of Trade, Commercial Club, In-dianapolis fire insurance companies and city government, approve the foregoing reports of our subcommittees and we urge that the purchases recommended be made at once and if necessary that bonds be ssued in payment of a temporary loan be made." The resolution was signed by P. Erwin, chairman; David M. Parry, B. Martindale, William Scott, J. P. Dunn, Robert Zener, Henry Coe, George Merritt, John B. Conner, Emil Rassmann, John M. pann and Charles F. Sayles. The committe expects to get an audience with the Mayor and his cabinet the first of next week. At this conference the recommendations contained in the reports will be urged by D. P. Erwin, I. S. Gordon, Henry Coe, Jacob Dunn and E. B. Martin-

AT OUTS WITH THE PLUMBERS.

Board of Health Will Not Consider Their Interests. The Board of Health has put the plumbing ordinance offered by the master plumbers and journeymen in a dusty drawer. The board was willing to listen to the suggestions of the plumbers but the members began to think that the plumbers were looking after their own interests and not those port, where it is billed for Sunday night, but the receipts were not enough to satisfy the small creditors; even then at the last minute Wilkie, the tenor, refused to ing and directions to plumbers while at go on unless paid \$100, which was given him. pector was to be made a teacher and boss, ill plumbers would object. bad work torn out," said this particular plumber, "we will defeat the ordinance." said this particular

"Your ordinance is defeated already, said Dr. Morrison, as he hastily threw th umbers' ordinance in a drawer. "We will fraw up another ordinance and we are not going to consider your interests. We asked you for suggestions and you come with demands. We will look out for the interest of the public and from all I have heard City Sanitarian Ferguson is now at work on another ordinance which will not be at all like the one offered by the plumbers.

MERELY CAUTIONED PARKER. May Continue to Violate Charter, but

Must Be Careful. The Board of Works made inquiry yesterday morning of the efforts which Bart Parker has made to obtain assessment collections from contractors for his father. The board is satisfied that some of the complaints which have been offered by contractors and outside collectors are exaggerated, but Parker was cautioned to be very careful not to use his position as a means of obtaining business. It is understood that Parker agreed to solicit business as to give contractors to understand that their choice of collectors will not affect their relations to the board. Parker assured the members of the board that if any contractors had assigned him collections with the understanding that he was personally interested in them they had been mis-

Austin's Proposed Reservoir. Mr. Austin, of the Board of Works, has another scheme. By it he hopes to settle a question which has worried engineers for a quarter of a century. He anticipates that there will be no more overflows of Pogue's run if his scheme can be carried out. Mr. Austin has not resigned his interest in the scheme to have constructed a viaduct leading to Woodside. He now wishes to construct a lake on Brookside avenue near "the old boot and shoe factory," where the waters of the stormy little Pogue's run may be held in check until the water below the dams can have an opportunity to run away Mr. Austin argues that a good dam can be constructed that will hold a vast amount of water during a freshet, which under the present conditions flows down and floods the city. Mr. Austin also believes that such a reservoir would be an attractive feature to the park system of the city. Yesterday afternoon members of the board, with the Park Commissioners, drove out to look over

the ground of the proposed reservoir A Queer Explanation.

The specifications for the Massachusettsavenue cement walks say that the width shall be fifteen feet, but in many places the walks are not that width. City Engineer Jeup says no injustice can result to property owners, for they pay by the lineal foot, and not the square foot. Mr. Jeup declares there are always some variations in the width of the walks. The Board of Works listened to Mr. Jeup's explanation yesterday morning, and decided that no injustice had been done to the few property owners who I purifier.

have less than a fifteen-foot walk. The board did not explain whether a narrow width might not be to the advantage of the contractors. A. M. Robertson and H. J Milligan were property owners who protested to the acceptance of the walks, but they are compelled to be satisfied with the explanations of Mr. Jeup, although it is acknowledged that the specifications were not carried out to the letter.

Harmony in the Park Board. There was an harmonious session of the Park Board yesterday afternoon. Henry Clay Allen and H. C. Allen and H. Clay Allen were present. The minutes of the last meeting were read. Mr. Allen suggested the ensideration of some minor matters, to which Mr. Allen agreed. Mr. Allen asked A questions concerning Garrield Park and the work of improvement. The sugges-tion of a lake on Brookside Park was considered by Mr. Allen, and on motion of Mr Allen, Mr. Allen went with the Board of Works to view the site. Mr. Allen moved and seconded that the board adjourn, which was carried by the single vote of Mr. Allen. There were no arguments, for Mr. Allen could not argue with himself, and for some reason the other members of the board were

A Rearrangement of Rooms. The Board of Health is contemplating change of office. At present the office is five or six doors from the laboratory, which makes the arrangement unhandy for the city sanitarian. The board would like to take the office now used by the Police Judge and prosecutor, and let them take the present board's office. Such a change would throw the laboratory and the board's office together, and save much running from one to the other.

PROF. BEMIS ON THE GOLD SUPPLY. He Also Makes Comparisons of Wages

and Prices.

Last night Professor Bemis delivered the fifth of his series of lectures on money at Plymouth Church. The special subject was "Wages and Prices." In his argument Professor Bemis showed that the debtor class of people have not received their fair share of the advantage which had accrued in the fall of prices. To explain this he assumed that in 1870 one man working ten hours a day was able to produce one hundred commodities valued at \$1,000. By the introduction of new machinery the same man, in 1890, was able to produce two hundred comhe must pay on a debt to a member of the creditor class, who, with the \$1,000 loaned in 1870, could in 1890 buy twice as much as then, giving all the profit of the fall in prices to the creditor. To even matters and divide the profit, the Professor thought, the price should have decreased one-third, making the value of the two hundred commodities \$1,333.33 in 1890. He exhibited a chart showing the fall in wages and prices in England and this country since 1872. He also touched upon the gold supply and

exhibited some figures that are new to most people. He claimed that the entire produc-tion of gold for the last nine years has been consumed in the arts and other countries, leaving no net new gold for coinage here. figures as given by him those that were recently read be-fore a society of economics in London. According to this paper, the best statistics obtainable show that the world annually consumes about \$60,000,000 of gold in the arts, which would be, in nine years, \$540,000,000. During the same period Russia has taken of the newly mined gold \$250,000,-000 and Austria has taken \$195,000,000 to assist in the resumption of specie payment. The net exports of Europe and the United States to the Orient and South America has been \$105,000,000, and the Bank of France has taken \$70,000,000. This would leave of the product of the last pine years only the product of the last nine years only \$5,000,000 to be coined. The estimates of the amount used in the arts is considered very conservative, and the author of the paper thinks it safe to say that this balance of \$5,000,000 has also been used in that way. leaving no new gold for this country or England.

The next lecture of this course, which will be the last, will be given Friday night, Jan. 3. The subject will be "The Remedy."

FOUR HORSES AND A GOAT.

They Were the Victims of a Fire Last

Night. Ernest Benham, a South Meridian-street feed dealer, suffered the loss of his barn and its contents by fire last night. Benham lives on Meikel street, where the stable was located. The contents destroyed in-

contents were partly insured. CITY NEWS NOTES.

Alexander Hess, Clerk of the Supreme Court, is confined to his home with the Dr. G. D. Watson, evangelist, will preach at the Salvation Army Hall, 33 South Illi-nois street, Sunday. The Commercial Club has brought suit in

Justice Walpole's court against a number of members to collect unpaid dues. The Willard Deaf Mute Club has sent out a circular of thanks to those who responded to the solicitations of the club for aid. Otto Stark will give an exhibition of his pictures in oils and water colors at his studio, in the Hartford Block, 84 East Market street, from next Wednesday to Saturday. Mr. D. A. Hildreth, general secretary of the Y. M. C. A., will speak at the young men's rally in Association Hall Sunday aft-ernoon on "Wilt Thou Go with This Man?" The lecture by the Rev. D. R. MacGregor, last evening, at University-place Church, on "Scandal and Scandal Mongers," was well received. He presented sober and everyday facts in a striking way.

About 10 o'clock last night Merchant colleeman Whitman discovered a fire in A Lewis & Co.'s grocery store, at St. Clair and Alabama streets, caused by an overheated gas stove. He extinguished the fire without calling the department. wagon opposite the Spades Block, on Mas-sachusetts avenue, last night, throwing the

driver to the pavement. He was not seriously hurt. The wagon belonged to the proprietor of a feed store in the Spades Block. The gospel service of the Young Women's Christian Association is held every Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the rooms of the association, 139 North Meridian street. Miss Garnett Ashbrook will conduct the meeting next Sunday, "Daily Opportunities" will be

Prof. George E. Fellows, of Chicago University, spent Thursday and Friday in the city, inspecting the Girls' Classical School. The school has been invited by Chicago University to a place on the list of schools whose graduates are admitted to the university without examination.

The Long-Haired Whittington. Dick Whittington, a long-haired swarthyfaced young man clad in buckskins walked into the Union Station yesterday afternoon trundling a wheelbarrow in front of him. Whittington says he is making a tour around the world. He claims to have been sent out by the San Francisco Sporting Club on a wager. One of the provisions of the wager is that he must trundle wheelbarrow in front of him when walking. He left San Francisco April 5, with a dog and cat. The feline died shortly he reached the State of Kansas, but he still has the dog. He has worn out fourteen pairs of shoes on the trip. His wheelbarrow is so arranged that he can walk on the railroad track and roll the afternoon Mr. Whittington called on Gov-ernor Matthews, to whom he related in-

cidents of his travels. He expects to accomplish the trip in about eighteen months. Another Clamor for a Bridge. It is said that if the County Commissioners carry out the plans of the old board and build the proposed bridge across White river at Raymond street the people living further south will ask for a bridge at Harding street. It is said that a petition is now in circulation asking for a bridge in the neighborhood of the Hyde farm. The property owners, it is under-stood, have agreed to construct the ap-

proaches A Medal for Artist Steele. T. C. Steele, the artist, has received word that he has been awarded a medal by the Southern Exposition at Atlanta for a ple ture which he has on exhibition there. The award is regarded as quite an honor, for many of the best paintings of America are on exhibition.

Look out for colds at this season. Keep ourself well and strong by taking Hood's arsaparilla, the great tonic and blood

A FAMOUS WILL CASE

ON MOSES FOWLER CONTEST. Supreme Court Establishes the Prize-Fight Law Beyond Fur-

ther Question.

ORAL ARGUMENT IN SUPREME COURT

The Moses Fowler will case was argued orally in the Supreme Court yesterday. This is a case that involves a large amount of property in Benton county. Several years ago Moses Fowler died, leaving a will giving his wife one-third of his property and his three children the other twothirds, with the provision that none of the

property left to the children was to be sold within twenty-five years. Fowler and his wife had not lived together for a long time, although he had provided for her support. The estate consisted in part of about one thousand lots in the town of Fowler, a town that Mr. Fowler established by building a courthouse at an expense of \$40,000. It was argued that the part of the will that provided that no part of the property left to the children should be sold within twenty-five years was invalid, because it would be against public policy, and be a great injury to the town of Fowler by preventing the use of so much of the land

The Prosecutor Charged with Perjury. A few days ago Wymond White, a colored boy, was convicted in the Criminal Court of assault and battery on Walter Connett. The case came up before Judge Mc-Cray on appeal from Justice Lockman. White had been tried and convicted in the justice's court twice, He was fined \$10 and costs and given a workhouse sentence of sixty days. The same day he escaped from the custody of one of the deputy sheriffs and is still at large.
Yesterday one of White's relatives, Edmund White, appeared before Magistrate
Habich and filed an affidavit charging Con-

time of the trial in the Criminal Court. It is alleged Connett testined on the witness stand that he had been confined to his bed modities, but their vale had fallen according and they are worth only \$1,000. Thus the manufacturer receives only \$1,000, which he was not sick and unable to work, but was at his place of business during the two

Connett says the part" making the affi-davit was actuated by spiteful motives and there is nothing in the charge, as he can prove he was really laid up as a result of the assault committed on him by White.

Claimed She Drew Her Own Blood. Dr. Samuel Hamlin is being tried in the Criminal Court for assault and battery on William Walker, a contractor and builder. Dr. Hamlin has been employed as a drug clerk by Mrs. Mary Evans, of Hoyt avenue. Some time ago Mrs. Evans had contractor Walker build her a store room and stable at Meridian and Seventeenth streets, and while the work was being done she went while the work was being done she went out to inspect it in company with Hamlin. Mrs. Evans got into an argument with the contractor and Hamlin took a hand. A general scuffle followed in which Walker claimed to have been hurt by Hamlin. The latter was arrested and tried in the justice court, afterward appealing to the Criminal Court. Mrs. Evans caused the arrest of Walker on the charge of assaulting her. He was acquitted. One witness testified that Mrs. Evans screamed "murder" while the trouble was going on. She declared that Walker had struck her in the mouth and that her mouth was bleeding. The witness said when she found there was no blood she doubled her fist and struck herself in the face several times.

Liberty Gone for a Day. Abraham Saperstein has brought suit for damages against Harris Cohen, who is charged in the complaint with having caused the arrest of the plaintiff. Dec. 6, Saperstein says, the defendant swore out a warrant for his arrest and he was restrained from his liberty for one day. He says the charges were false and malicious and asks for \$2,000 damages.

Old Cases Compromised. In the Superior Court, yesterday, three against the street car company for years were compromised. In Room 2 the case of John M. Pearey was settled for \$100. The suit of Hiram S. Holt was adjusted by the ciuded four head of horses, a goat, two single buggies, a hay baler, three sets of harness and a large quantity of hay. The loss will be about \$1,000. The stable and 3 for \$75.

Settles Prize Fighting Forever. The Supreme Court yesterday overruled a motion for a new trial in the case from Lake county known as the prize-fighting case. The motion was based upon several allegations of error. There was no opinion submitted by the court in overruling the motion. It is believed that this will forever settle prize fighting in this State.

His Own Statement Convicted Him. Nellie Drydon was charged, in Police Court, yesterday, with having broken a window in Michael Rush's saloon. The girl said she was but nineteen years of and when Rush admitted that he had sold her beer Judge Cox ordered his arrest on the charge of violating the Nicholson law. Rush was also charged with striking the girl in the mouth.

Catherine Coe's Alimony. Judge McMaster, of the Superior Court, vesterday granted Catherine Coe a divorce from Ansel Coe, giving the plaintiff \$150 alimony. The court further made an order which will require the defendant to pay the expenses of the prosecution.

> THE COURT RECORD. Supreme Court.

17208. E. & T. H. Railway Company vs. Tohill. Sullivan C. C. Petition for rehearing overruled. Hackney, C. J.-i. A rule easily followed by servants, and when followed secures safety to the servants, is a easonable compliance with the duty owing by the master to his servants. 2. If a train dispatcher fails in his duty by breaking exsting regulations, and in consequence other employes are injured, no action can be maintained against the master, for the jury will be deemed to have been caused by the negligence of a fellow-servant. 17312. Ristine vs. Johnson. Montgome

Petition for rehearing overruled. Monks, J.-Purchasers at tax sales who have received a tax deed cannot recover under the provisions of Section 8641, R. S. 1894, against infants, idiots and insane person nor can such disabled persons be deprive of the right of redemption from tax sales during such disability until two years after such disability is removed. It is the duty of the guardian of such persons to pay the taxes on the property of their wards out of the money of the wards in their hands, and if they have no money of the ward they may sell the property for that purpose, and if they refuse to pay such taxes they may compelled to do so. 16848. I., D. & W. Railway Company vs.

Center Township. Marion C. C. Petition for rehearing overruled. 17095. Athletic Club vs. State ex. rel. Mahan. Lake C. C. Petition for rehearing overruled. 17532. Krom vs. Vermillion. Madison

C. Petition for rehearing overruled. 17562. Bozuth vs. McGillicuddy. Porter C. C. Transferred to Appellate Court. 17585. Coal Company vs. Peterson. Sullivan C. C. Transferred to Appellate Court. Appellate Court. 1862. Keaton vs. Snider. Shelby C. C. Af-firmed. Davis, J.-Where the gist of the

action is based upon trespass to real estate, an action for the destruction of the crops on such real estate is dependent upon the situation of the land for jurisdiction. 173). Natural Gas Company vs. Bailey. Howard C. C. Reversed Reinhard, J.-In proceeding to condemn land for the purpose of laying gas pipes it is error for the court to charge the jury that, besides the damages which would result from injuries to the land, the owner of the land would be entitled to recover all the damages that will probably result from the maintenance of the 1560. Johnson vs. Ballard. Orange C. C. Appeal dismissed. Gavin, C. J .- When the appellant files no other brief than the supersedeas, it should properly refer to the record and state concisely some of the prop-

advance some argument in support of the 1719. Moore vs. Schrader, Marion S. C. Affirmed. Lotz, J.-In an attempt to estabish the relation of principal and agent, evidence that the parties acted as such in another and similar occasion is relevant to the issues, but independent and disconnected transactions which do not bear upon the ssues are irrelevant.

Superior Court. Room 1-John L. McMaster, Judge. Heinrich Lull vs. Indianapolis Chair Man- | Tile Floors. special designs. Jno. M. Lilly.

ufacturing Company; damages. Jury returned special finding of facts.

Wm. F. Kissel vs. the Firemen's Fund In-

surance Company; policy. On trial by jury.
Catherine Coe vs. Ansel Coe; divorce.
Decree granted plaintiff. Judgment for \$150
alimony and defendant ordered to pay \$30
in court for the use of plaintiff in prosecuting her complaint. Room 2-Lawson M Harvey, Judge. Anna Purdy vs. Pettis Dry-goods Com-pany et al.; damages. Dismissed by plain-

Emma M. Roth vs. Citizens' Street-railroad Company; damages. Dismissed and John H. Ross et al. vs. Christine L. Morris et al. Judgment against the defendant for \$291.16.

John M. Pearey vs. Citizens' Street-railroad Company; damages. Judgment against defendant for \$100 and costs. Robert Ross vs. H. L. Clayter; account. On trial by the court.

Room 3-Pliny W. Bartholomew, Judge. Geo. Cook vs. Citizens' Street-railroad Company; damages. Finding and judgment for plaintiff against defendant for \$75. ulsa B. Twiname vs. Henry C. Wright. Dismissed and costs paid.

Madeline G. Boyle vs. Geo. A. Boeckling et al.; to set aside transfer. Dismissed at cost of defendant Geo. A. Boeckling. Circuit Court.

Edgar A. Brown, Judge. Amelia Kelpin vs. Matilda Alisch Estate; claim for services. On trial by jury. New Suits Filed.

Indianapolis Brewing Company vs. Ed

ward E. Bernaner; suit on note. Superior Court, Room 2. George B. Martin vs. Fernandez M. Simonds et al.; suit on note. Superior Court, Joseph H. Clark vs. Catherine E. Slawson et al.; street improvement, Superior E. P. Reed et al. vs. Lavinia D. Athon et al.; suit on judgment. Superior Court, John F. Brinkman vs. Franklin P. Wilson et al.; suit on note. Superior Court, Abraham Saperstein vs. Harris Cohen; daniages. Superior Court, Room 1. Emil M. Mayer vs. James Amrich; suit on account. Superior Court, Room 3.

Thinks Charter Methods Oppressive. To the Editor of the Indianapolis Journal: The News deprecates all discussion which differs with its views of municipal affairs; nevertheless, the people have the right to entertain opinions and to express them, that all is not as it should be. It is an indisputable fact that taxes and special burdens have largely increased since the adoption of the new city charter, without correspondng visible improvement in any branch of the municipal service; the city at large, saving the improvement of streets, is not better off in any respect than it was under its former, and since, by modern reformers, much condemned government. The improvement of the streets and the sewer system adopted and carried too rapidly to completion has not been paid out of the treasury, but has become and will remain for many years an oppressive burden to the property owners, who are not benefited by an increase of rental values or the values of the improved real estate. If such is really the truth, the people are entitled to know where the fault lies, and the optimistic assertions of the News do not dispose of or controvert the fact that, not-withstanding the rapidly growing revenues of the city, there has been no appreciable betterment in the police and fire depart-ments, which have not kept pace with the growth of population or territory subject to taxation.

Since the adoption of the new charter the

city has not acquired much if any real escity has not acquired much if any real estate or other property for city purposes; it has not made permanent improvements involving the expenditure of large sums of public money; the interest rate upon the debt owing by the city has been materially reduced, which is a positive saving of money, but, notwithstanding all these, whenever a pressing demand arises for the immediate improvement of a branch of the city service it is met by the stereotyped city service it is met by the stereotyped answer that there is no money in the treasury for such a purpose, and the ingenuity of the fiscal officers of the city is at once put in motion to devise new methods of replenishing the city funds, to be paid by the taxpayers; but when these additional funds are relead somehow or another they funds are raised, somehow or another they all disappear in the rat-hole open at both ends. It is therefore not so highly improper for the people who are overburdened with taxation and assessments to manifest a desire to know where all the money goes, and this should be known without injecting politics or the charging of dishonesty or corruption against anyone, or one party or another, as they are both alike in this respect; but the fact remains that, with annually increasing resources, there is no manager in the treasury for betterments in its money in the treasury for betterments in its service. Hence, what becomes of it? The News takes exception to the calling of attention to this deplorable condition, but it does not suggest a remedy. It was through the adroit management of interested people that the city has been relieved from the burden of paying out of its general funds for the improvement of street intersections, alley crossings and sewers, as was done before the new city charter and its amendment. What would become of the treasury if it would be called upon to pay the city's share of the extensive and costly mprovements which have been so strenu-

ously advocated by the News? There are many people who believe that the methods of the charter as now executed are crude and oppressive, its operations expensive; the corresponding benefits of such government as it provides problematical. The News may characterize such a statement as rank heresy, but nevertheless it is the growing opinion of the people of this city. It provides for too many expensive officials to demonstrate its beautiful operations; altogether too many boards, bureaus, departments, etc.; its inequitable requirements are as inflexible as cast iron; to convert the streets into the boulevards of Paris and to give the people a breathing spell; if this system continues to be pur-sued it will amount to downright confiscation of the homes which have been the pride of its citizens, who do not begrudge their contributions to elevate the police and fire departments to a standard of excellence of which they stand much in need, but do not want to be forced into bank-ruptcy by useless, uncalled-for improve-

Indianapolis, Dec. 10.

Incorporated Yesterday. The Jilgueros Coffee Company, with \$30,000 capital, was incorporated yesterday. The incorporators are Isham Sedgwick, Charles E. Tesh, C. E. Hearn, Charles A. Goar and H. C. G. Bals, all of Richmond except Mr. Bals. The object of the company, as stated in the articles of association, are "growing, treating, benefiting and buying and selling coffee, produce and fruits and dealing in real estate, live stock, merchandise and machinery of all kinds. The operations or the company will be carried on in the Department of Matagalpa, Nicaragua, and the main office will be in Richmond, Ind.

"Farmed Out" in Tennessee. Rufus Weaver, a fugitive from Tennessee, was arrested last night by detectives Thornton and Kinney. Under the Tennessee penal code, it seems, the system prevails of "farming" the convicts on contracts. The contractor gives bond for the return of the convict to prison at the end of the contract period. It seems Weaver was "farmed out to a cotton planter near Knoxville. He fled the country and was traced to this city, when an officer, armed with the proper documents, came after him. He will be taken back to Knoxville.

Johnson Beirs' Property Building. Architect Cobb, of Chicago, has been in the city as advisory architect for the building to be erected on the site of the Johnson heirs' building. From the preparations which are being made, it seems certain that a new building is to be erected soon. The height has not been decided, but it will probably be ten stories at least.

Preserving Flowers. Philadelphia Times.

Girls to whom flowers are a luxury and not a daily surfe!t have a dozen ingenious ways of keeping them fresh. There is none better than plunging the stumps up to the blossoms in a basin of cold water and leaving them over night. Another almost as good is to leave the flowers and the containing dish in the open air over night. A carnation with its stem thrust into a potato keeps fresh for several days, while the fleetositions relied on for raversal, and should ing charm of the morning-glory may be preserved for a late breaktast if the blossoms be plucked over night and permitted to open

"The Country Circus," with its trained ponies and other ring features, will please the children at the Grand this afternoon The acrobatic act of the three La Monts is decidedly the best of the performance. The engagement closes to-night.

PERSONAL AND SOCIETY.

Miss Katherine Lemcke will go to Evansville to spend the holidays. The next play of the Dramatic Club will take place Dec. 27 at the Propylacum. Miss Edna Swain has returned from a visit of ten days with friends in Lafayette. Miss Fisk, of Tolcdo, who has been the guest of Miss Eleanor Ketcham, has re-turned home. Mrs. O. E. Brumbach and children will

d Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Carey. Mrs. W. N. Harding and Miss Bessle Lee Webb, who have been at Martinsville, ave returned home. Mrs. Jennie Patterson, who has been vis-ting Mrs. Alexander Lanier, at Madison,

will return home to-day. Mrs. J. A. Mosgrave and Miss Emma Mosgrave, of Urbana, O., arrived yesterday to visit Mrs. D. T. Bacon. The Rhea Cinch Club was entertained by Miss Emma H. Waite, at No. 419 North California street, Wednesday evening.

Miss Annie Shuler will return from Bloomington to-day to spend part of the holidays with her parents on North Illinois street. Mr. T. C. Steele's studio exhibit will be open all day to-day and to-morrow after-

noon. There are many beautiful canvases in the collection. Yesterday was the birthday anniversary of Mr. Arthur Gillette and a number of his friends went out to spend the evening

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lemcke asked a few

friends to meet Miss Linck, of Evansville, after the play Thursday night. The gathering was entirely informal. Miss Nellie Webb, of Bloomington, will come to-day to visit Miss Florence Coffin and attend the reception to be given this evening by Mrs. S. H. Greer. Mrs. E. R. Minear, of Greensburg, and Miss Rose Mills, of Chillicothe, O., will come next week to visit Mrs. William R. Brown, on North Pennsylvania street. Mrs. H. W. Bennett gave a small luncheon yesterday for Miss Walton, of Cleve-land, and Miss Taylor, of Toledo. The

Mrs. John L. Griffiths invited a few friends yesterday morning to meet Miss Jenners, of Lafayette, and to listen to a paper on "William Morris," read by Mrs. A. M. Spruance. Mrs. William L. Elder has been called to Beatrice by the serious illness of her father with pneumonia. Mr. Bowman had

decoration was American Beauty

gone to visit relatives and was taken sick oon after reaching there. Mrs. Benjamin E. Walcott and stster. Ladies' Eiderdown Miss Newcomer, have issued invitations for a reception Wednesday for Miss Walcott, of New York Mills, who will come Monday to visit her uncles, Messrs. B. D. and C. H.

Mrs. Joseph A. Milburn has invited a number of friends to her house Wednesday afternoon to hear a paper by Mrs. D. W. Marmon on "Our Prose Pastoral Writers," ead at the first meeting of the Woman's Club this season.

Miss Emily Bingham recently gave a cantomime of Ruth at her school in Washington, D. C., and it was very successful in every respect. Miss Julia Hollweg and Miss Kate Walcott, both of this city, took part. The entertainment was most highly part. The entertainment was most

Dr. and Mrs. William H. Wishard will in-formally observe the fifty-fifth anniversary of their marriage Tuesday, Dec. 17, at their home, No. 284 North Capitol avenue, and will be pleased to receive their friends from 3 to 5 o'clock in the afternoon and from 8 to 10 in the evening. No invitations have been issued.

Miss Shuler and Miss Webb, of Bloom-ington, Ill., and Miss Greer, of Oxford, O., will be the guests of honor at a reception to be given this evening by Mr. S. R. Greer, in his apartments, at the Chalfant. Miss Greer is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Allen A. Wilkinson, and Miss Webb is the guest of Miss Florence Coffin.

Mrs. M. D. Watson and daughter Mary, of Chicago, are here to spend the holidays. Mrs. Watson is visiting her sister, Mrs. David Braden, and Miss Watson is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Harry E. Drew. Mrs. Will Whitney, of Evansville, will come to spend the holidays also and there will be a family reunion for Christmas. Miss Jessie Bell was the hostess for chrysanthemum luncheon yesterday which she gave for Miss Nancy Brown, of Ken-tucky, Mrs. Frederick B. Adams's guest. The others entertained were Mrs. A. R. Hale, Mrs. Robert Drake, Miss Nellie Til-ford, Misses Minnie and Lura Lowe, M'ss Charlotte Wiles and Miss Hettle Adams. Mrs. Francis T. Hord received very informally yesterday afternoon for her cousin, Miss Linck, of Evansville, of the Hansel and Gretel Opera Company. Mrs. Linck, who has been in Evansville, joined her daughter here yesterday and Mrs. Young came from Terre Haute to visit

her daughter. All are guests of Mrs. Hord Mr. John C. New gave a dinner last evening at his home on North Pennsylvania street in honor of General Harrison. The gentlemen invited to meet General Harrison were: Ex-Attorney-general W. H. H. Miller, Judge L. J. Monks, Judge J. H. Jordan, Judge John H. Baker, ex-Judge L. C. Walker, Gen. Lew Wallace, Judge William A. Woods, Mr. William R. McKeer, Mr. William P. Fishback, Mr. James Whitcomb Riley, Mr. R. B. F. Peirce and Mr. H. S. New.

A large and handsome reception was given yesterday afternoon by Mrs. Chauncey L. Turner in honor of her sisters, Mrs. Samuel J. Hillman, of Cincinnati, formerly of this city, and Mrs. Austin Morris Smith, also of Cincinnati. The invitations were general and the several apartments were thronged all the receiving hours, from 2 to 6 o'clock. In the reception room the decorations were pink roses and palms. The three ladies were assisted in receiving by Miss Clara Bartlett, of Cincinnati. Mrs. Turner wore black moire and pink chiffon and carried a bouquet of La France roses. Mrs. Hillman's gown was of black silk and velvet, with duchesse lace and Ameraltogether, its operations under the system as now practiced are costly, oppressive and burdensome; its true character is inexorable burdensome; its true character is inexorable burdensome; its true character is inexorable blue and yellow brocade, with Marechal Niel roses. Miss Bartlett's gown was pink silk and chiffon. They were assisted in enther so-called cures have tertaining by Mrs. F. M. Herron and Mrs. B. F. Webb, In the second parlor were Bermuda lilies and palms. served there by Misses Maud McConnell and Flora Fugate. American Beauty roses, with crimson candles and shades gave color to the coffee table in the library. There were handsome appointments and the beverages were poured by Mrs. Cortland Van Camp, Mrs. W. J. Richards, Mrs. George C. Beck and Mrs. Frank Van Camp, who were assisted by Miss Edna Swain and Grace Lintner, Miss Bessie Beck and Miss Carnahan. The dining room was in green and yellow. From the smilax-entwined was a huge there satin the table, was an chrysanthemums. of smilax. The candles and shades narmonized with the flowers and foliage. Those extending the hospitalities were Mrs. William R. Brown, Mrs. W. N. Harding, Mrs. J. A. Lemcke, Mrs. David Swain, Miss Kathryn B. Eldridge and Miss Bessie Lee Webb. A harpist played for the event. Among the guests were Mrs. J. M. Neu-berger, of Chicago, and Mrs. Eugene Hay,

> RICHMOND WEDDINGS. Special to the Indianapolis Journal RICHMOND, Ind., Dec. 13 .- Mr. John H. Seefloth and Miss Laura Besselman, wellknown young people of this city, were united in marriage last evening at the

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home of the Rev. Isaac M. Hughes, who officiated. Mr. John Brodfield, of this city, was united in marriage yesterday afternoon at New Castle with Miss Amanda Sarron, the Rev. Brown officiating. They will reside Mr. Otho Dickinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Dickinson, was united in marriage Wednesday evening at Paulding, O., with Miss Wylie W. Barnes, a popular young woman of that place. The ceremony ocwoman of that place. The releasing occurred at the home of the bride and was witnessed by a number of guests, among whom were the following from this city: Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Dickinson, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Dickinson, Miss Irene Dickinson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Fancisco, Miss Amy Fancisco, Mrs. Charles Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Hlatt and Mr. Fre Dickinson, Mr. and Mrs. Dickinson wireside at Paulding.

U. V. L. National Officers. Gen. George C. James, national commander of the Union Veteran Legion, and Gen

E. D. Spooner, adjutant-general, were guests of Encampment No. 80 last evening, at G. A. R. Hall. The occasion was the annual visit of the officers to the encampment, and they were entertained cordially. The visitors made addresses to the members of the local encampment, after which refreshments were served. Assessment Rolls Approved.

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